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Attorney General Obtains Civil Contempt Order Against Purveyor of Purported Cures to Cancer and HIV/AIDS

Circuit Court Judge Barbara Haynes has granted the State's motion for civil contempt after the defendants failed to abide by her earlier conditions concerning websites operated in Tennessee by a man claiming to be a doctor who could cure such diseases as cancer and AIDS.

The State's lawyers returned to court Monday after Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper filed a civil contempt motion to enforce the temporary injunction order regarding Oludare Samuel Olomoshua and the company of which he is president, Wisdomite Spiripathology Healing and Music Mission, Inc. The order was entered by Judge Barbara Haynes last month. Judge Haynes granted the State's motion for civil contempt and awarded the State \$38,000 in civil penalties and \$1,275 in attorneys' fees as a result of the defendants' violations of the temporary injunction order, which was entered Nov. 15, 2006.

The State alleged in its civil contempt motion the defendants failed to comply with the temporary injunction order. Specifically, the State alleges the defendants did not deliver any of the required patient records, continued to make unsubstantiated claims as to curing potentially fatal or terminal diseases such as cancer and HIV/AIDS, and continued to hold out Defendant Olomoshua as a medical doctor, a Ph.D., and a cancer and HIV/AIDS specialist.

"We are pleased with the court's civil contempt ruling," General Cooper said. "This action shows that there are very real consequences for violating a court order. We will remain vigilant in ensuring consumers are protected from purveyors of false hope and in reigning in unfair and deceptive commercial conduct."

General Cooper, acting on behalf of the Department of Health and the Division of Consumer Affairs sued the defendant on Nov. 6, 2006. The suit also named Wisdomite Spiripathology Healing and Music Mission, Inc. which is registered in Tennessee as a not-for-profit corporation. Defendant Olomoshua acts as president of the not-for-profit.

"We are very pleased with the expedient actions taken by the Attorney's General office on behalf of the citizen's of Tennessee in addressing the claims of an unlicensed individual purporting medical treatments that would cure terminal illnesses," said Assistant Commissioner Judy Eads, of Tennessee Department of Health's Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation.

Consumers who have sought treatment from Olomoshua or other purveyors of unsubstantiated cures to diseases should contact the Division of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-342-8385 (toll-free inside Tennessee) or (615) 741-4737. Consumers can report similar problems to the Department of Health by calling the Office of Investigations at 1-800-852-2187.

For more information on the lawsuit and today's court ruling, please visit the Tennessee Attorney General website at www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us. Today's order is available at www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us/cases/wisdomite/order.pdf.